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TO: Iowa Medicaid Home Health (HH) Agencies and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: HH Agency Condition Codes

EFFECTIVE: August 1, 2016

Effective August 1, 2016, the IME UB-04 claim form instructions will change for Field No.18-28 related to the HH Agency condition codes.

Field No.18-28 will no longer be used to indicate the member's HH care status, such as: XA (Condition stable), XB (Not homebound), XC (Maintenance care) and XD (No skilled care).

- The member's HH care status, as was previously noted in Field 18, is to be indicated by using the identified **ICD-10-CM diagnosis code Z76.89** ("Persons encountering health services in other specified circumstances") **as a secondary diagnosis code**, along with supporting documentation in the medical record. Submission of the supporting documentation will only need to be submitted if requested for a post review, per [Informational Letter No. 758](#)¹ issued on January 1, 2009.
- **Documentation in the medical record must support the condition as was previously identified with the XA, XB, XC, or XD condition code** (i.e., If "XB" was noted on the claim form, medical documentation should indicate that the member is not homebound, which is the "specified circumstance" referenced by **secondary code Z76.89**). Utilization of this **secondary code**, along with supporting documentation in the medical record, serves as validation that the service is not covered by Medicare and may be submitted directly to the IME.
- The **primary diagnosis code and other applicable diagnosis codes are still utilized** for the member's status using the appropriate ICD-10-CM diagnosis code(s).
- Only valid values from the official National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) code source may be reported in the condition code fields.

For direction on submitting these types of claims with the MCOs, please refer to guidance provided by the individual MCOs.

If you have any questions please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, or email at IMEproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/758_ElecBilling.pdf